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RESPONSE TO 6 NOVEMBER 2003 OFFICE ACTION (37 CFR §1.111)

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In Response to the Office Action of November 6, 2003, reconsideration of the rejections and further examination of the application are requested.

Petition for Extension of Time to Respond

The period for response is hereby extended TWO months to expire April 6, 2004 by this Petition for a TWO-Month Extension of Time. A PTO-2038 authorizing a charge for the appropriate petition fee of \$210 (37 CFR §1.17) accompanies this Response.

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